

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 101-106 and ADD claims 107 and 108 in accordance with the following:

1-100. (CANCELLED)

101. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point management system having a computer for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to a terminal for performing transactions by a customer, comprising:

a point issuing unit receiving a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon a customer transaction;

a point accumulation unit, connected to the point issuing unit and a customer database for stored cumulative points in relation to each customer, updating points to the customer database based upon current cumulative points and the service points issued by the point issuing unit;

a customer identification unit receiving a customer identification information from the terminal and identifying the customer; and

a point sending unit, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, sending the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer.

102. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point management system having a computer for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to a terminal for performing transactions by a customer, comprising:

a point issuing unit that receives a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon a customer transaction;

a point accumulation unit, connected to the point issuing unit and a customer database for stored cumulative points in relation to each customer, that updates points to the customer

database based upon current cumulative points and the service points issued by the point issuing unit;

a customer identification unit that receives a customer identification information from the terminal and ~~identifying~~identifies the customer; and

a point sending unit, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, that sends the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer, displays the customer's current cumulative points to the customer.

103. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to ~~[[the]]~~a terminal for performing transactions by ~~[[the]]~~a customer, comprising:

receiving a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon a customer transaction;

updating points based upon current cumulative points and the issued service points to a customer database for stored cumulative points;

receiving a customer identification information from the terminal and identifying the customer; and

sending, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer.

104. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to ~~[[the]]~~a terminal for performing transactions by ~~[[the]]~~a customer, comprising:

receiving a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon ~~[[the]]~~a customer transaction;

updating points based upon current cumulative points and the issued service points to a customer database for stored cumulative points;

receiving a customer identification information from the terminal and identifying the customer; and

sending, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing

transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer, for displaying the customer's current cumulative points.

105. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium having a program stored therein to cause a point management system having a computer for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to a terminal for performing transactions by a customer, comprising:

receiving a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon a customer transaction;

updating points based upon current cumulative points and the issued service points to a customer database for stored cumulative points;

receiving a customer identification information from the terminal and identifying the customer; and

sending, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer.

106. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium having a program stored therein to cause a point management system having a computer for managing service points issued to customers based upon customer's transactions, and connected to a terminal for performing transactions by a customer, comprising:

receiving a customer transaction information from the terminal for issuing the service points based upon a customer transaction;

updating points based upon current cumulative points and the issued service points to a customer database for stored cumulative points;

receiving a customer identification information from the terminal and [[for]] identifying the customer; and

sending, regardless of the customer's request of sending points, the customer's current cumulative points stored in the customer database to the terminal prior to performing transactions by the customer based upon a result of said identifying of the customer, for displaying the customer's current cumulative points to the customer.

107. (NEW) The point management system according to claim 101, wherein said sending is executed without requiring receipt of a request for the customer's cumulative points from the customer and in response to said identifying of the customer.

108. (NEW) The point management system according to claim 101, wherein said sending is executed independent and separate from performing of the transactions and in response to receipt of said customer identification information.